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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 227.299, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to memorial highway designations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 227.299, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 227.299, to read as follows:

227.299. 1. Except as provided in subsection 7 of this section, an  
2 organization or person that seeks a bridge or highway designation on the state  
3 highway system to honor an event, place, organization, or person who has been  
4 deceased for more than two years shall petition the department of transportation  
5 by submitting the following:

6 (1) An application in a form prescribed by the director, describing the  
7 bridge or segment of highway for which designation is sought and the proposed  
8 name of the bridge or relevant portion of highway. The application shall include  
9 the name of at least one current member of the general assembly who will  
10 sponsor the bridge or highway designation. The application may contain written  
11 testimony for support of the bridge or highway designation;

12 (2) A list of at least one hundred signatures of individuals who support  
13 the naming of the bridge or highway; and

14 (3) A fee to be determined by the commission to cover the costs of  
15 constructing and maintaining the proposed signs. The fee shall not exceed the  
16 cost of constructing and maintaining each sign.

17 2. All moneys received by the department of transportation for the  
18 construction and maintenance of bridge or highway signs on the state highway  
19 system shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state road  
20 fund.

21           3. The documents and fees required under this section shall be submitted  
22 to the department of transportation no later than November first prior to the next  
23 regular session of the general assembly to be approved or denied by the joint  
24 committee on transportation oversight during such legislative session.

25           4. The department of transportation shall give notice of any proposed  
26 bridge or highway designation on the state highway system in a manner  
27 reasonably calculated to advise the public of such proposal. Reasonable notice  
28 shall include posting the proposal for the designation on the department's official  
29 public web site, and making available copies of the sign designation application  
30 to any representative of the news media or public upon request and posting the  
31 application on a bulletin board or other prominent public place which is easily  
32 accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal  
33 office.

34           5. If the memorial highway designation requested by the organization is  
35 not approved by the joint committee on transportation oversight, ninety-seven  
36 percent of the application fee shall be refunded to the requesting organization.

37           6. Two highway signs shall be erected for each bridge and highway  
38 designation on the state highway system processed under this section. When a  
39 named section of a highway crosses two or more county lines, consideration shall  
40 be given by the department of transportation to allow additional signage at the  
41 county lines or major intersections.

42           7. Highway or bridge designations on the state highway system honoring  
43 fallen law enforcement officers, members of the armed forces killed in the line of  
44 duty, **emergency personnel killed while performing duties relating to**  
45 **their employment**, or state employees killed while serving the state shall not  
46 be subject to the provisions of this section.

47           8. No bridge or portion of a highway on the state highway system may be  
48 named or designated after more than one event, place, organization, or  
49 person. Each event, place, organization, or person shall only be eligible for one  
50 bridge or highway designation.

51           9. Any highway signs erected for any bridge or highway designation on  
52 the state highway system under the provisions of this section shall be erected and  
53 maintained for a twenty-year period. After such period, the signs shall be subject  
54 to removal by the department of transportation and the bridge or highway may  
55 be designated to honor events, places, organizations, or persons other than the  
56 current designee. An existing highway or bridge designation processed under the

57 provisions of this section may be retained for additional twenty-year increments  
58 if, at least one year before the designation's expiration, an application to the  
59 department of transportation is made to retain the designation along with the  
60 required documents and all applicable fees required under this section.

61 10. The provisions of this section shall apply to bridge or highway  
62 designations sought after August 28, 2006.

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